Grievances of piece-workers of the Government Press re leave, holiday allowance, etc.,

152. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the piece-workers of the Government Press have memorialised the Government in July 1934, June 1935 and 29th Meenam 1111 for the redress of their grievances regarding leave and holiday allowance, etc., and

(*b*) whether Government have considered the memorials ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The memorials are under consideration.

Rural reconstruction in Travancore.

153. **Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have introduced any scheme of rural reconstruction ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that several co-operative societies are doing rural reconstruction work in Travancore ; and

(*c*) whether they propose to give any aid to such societies ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) No. But one of the earliest duties of the reconstituted Economic Development Board will be the organisation of rural reconstruction work in selected areas, preferably through non-official agencies.

(*b*) Government understand that a few co-operative societies propose to undertake rural reconstruction work.

(*c*) The question will be considered if and when the occasion arises.

Export duty on copra.

154. ***Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the year in which export duty on copra was first imposed.

(*b*) the amount of revenue of the Travancore Government at that time ;

(*c*) the amount realised in each of the last five years in the shape of export duty on *copra* ;

(*d*) whether the Legislature has passed any resolution for abolishing the export duty on *copra* ;

(*e*) if so, whether any action has been taken thereon ?

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